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WITH THIS ISSUE of the "Dentoscope" we begin "The Dental Hygienists' Page." First, we acknowledge our sincere appreciation for this additional space which we expect to utilize not only as an informant, but also for the advancement of the dental hygiene profession.

We are still young in the profession, but we have not been idle during the short period we have been in the field. We have to our credit a local organization known as the Washington Dental Hygienists' Society, which was organized in the fall of 1936, under the leadership of Mrs. Myrtle Mackall, who served as our president for a period of three years. Organization was by no means easy, but through the persistent efforts of Mrs. Mackall and a few other interested members I am able to report with a great deal of pride that we now have a well-organized society which is doing much good in the community toward enlightening and directing public opinion in relation to oral hygiene and dental prophylaxis. Among the objectives of the organization are: the cultivation and promotion of the art and science of dental hygiene and the dissemination of knowledge of the necessity of oral health; to create a spirit of cooperation and good-will between the dentist and dental hygienist; to elevate, sustain and safeguard the common interest of the dental hygiene profession.

Among other activities, some of the members have given lectures to P.-T.A. and other organizations. The society donated food to the Health Committee of the Elks for distribution to the needy at Christmas. Our most recent project was a program carried on during Child Health Week which included a series of settlement house activities on the care of the teeth. Pre-school children of the Northwest Settlement House, Southwest Community House and Southeast House heard stories, viewed motion pictures and slides, were inspected for dental defects, participated in toothbrush drills and were presented with free tooth brushes, tooth paste and nursery rhyme health books. Society members conducting the program were: Misses Iola Smith, Marie Tignor, Lucille Miles, Miriam McCottry, Louise Overton, Mesdames Edith

Lee, Myrtle Mackall and Hazel Chitwood Johnson. The District of Columbia Health Department cooperated with us in these activities. This program was well received at all of the houses, and we plan to make it an annual project.



Dental Hygienists at Southwest Community House, Washington, D. C.

At the last convention of the National Dental Association an organization known as the National Dental Hygienists' Association was formed. The officers are: Miss Lucille Woodfork, president, Farrell, Pa.; Miss Helen Dyett, secretary,

New York City; Miss Amanda Bowman, treasurer, Washington, D.C.

Our local group was host to the national organization at a mid-year meeting which was held at Howard University, February 25, 1940. Plans were formulated for the National Dental Hygienists' convention which meets in St. Louis this summer.

Inasmuch as we are few in number and scattered, the organization is composed of individual rather than group memberships. Dental hygienists who are graduates of recognized training schools are urged to contact the secretary, Miss Helen Dyett, 30 Morningside Avenue, New York City, for information concerning membership.

Class News

1935

Miss Louise Overton was recently appointed by the Health Department of the District of Columbia as dental hygienist in the public school system.

Miss Melba Savoy is still rendering fine service at the United States Veterans' Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala. She visited here last summer and we are looking forward to seeing her again this summer.

Miss Hazel Chitwood, who was appointed in the District of Columbia public school system about three years ago, was married to Mr. Benjamin F. Johnson, of Jacksonville, Fla., June 3, 1939. She is president of the Washington Dental Hygienists' Society.

1936

Miss Amanda Bowman is still practicing in the office of Dr. E. E. Mavritte, Washington, D.C. We understand that she has done some very fine educational work during the past year.

Miss Miriam Lewis was recently married to Mr. David L. Thompson, a senior in medical school. She has been employed by the Atlantic County Welfare Board, Division of Old Age Assistance, for the past one and one-half years, and recently completed a course in social case work at Rutgers University.

Miss Marie Tignor is completing her studies at Miner Teachers' College, Washington, D.C.

1937

Miss Iola Smith is employed in the United States Social Security Department, Baltimore, Md.

1938

Miss Anne Quick, we understand, has been temporarily placed on the staff of Harlem Hospital where she is doing volunteer work.

Miss Harry Mae Summerfield was married almost two years ago. She is now Mrs. Leak, and is practicing in the office of Dr. Dudley T. King, 1726 I Street, Washington, D.C.

1939

Miss Barbara E. Ward has the honor of serving the first dental hygiene internship, so far as we know. She has been interning in the dental clinic, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C., for the past year.

Miss Hazel Holmes is employed by Dr. Roscoe Lee, 1266 Columbia Road, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

We have just learned that Mrs. Myrtle Mackall, '35, and Miss Anna Mae Davis, '37, have been appointed by the District of Columbia Health Department as dental hygienists in the public school system.

Recent Visitors

We are pleased to list among our recent visitors the following alumnae: Misses F. Evelyn Baker, '35; Eleanor Davis, '36; Mrs. Miriam Lewis Thompson, '36; Misses Anna Mae Davis, '37, and Anne Quick, '38. They attended the meeting of the National Dental Hygienists' Association which met at Howard University February 25, 1940.

Notice

We are sorry to learn that some of you have not been receiving the "Dentoscope." This is due, no doubt, to your change of address, which has not been sent to the university. In case of change of name or address, please notify the Dental College, giving your new name or address so that you, too, may receive and enjoy the "Dentoscope."